

# Today's News of the Great Southwest

## CAPITAL BEGINS DEVELOPING THE MARBLE QUARRIES NEAR ALPINE

**Valuable White Building Stone Also Lies Near There. State Mineral Law Would Greatly Benefit That Region—Irrigation Being Practiced for Farming and Fruit Trees Are Being Put Into Orchards.**

Alpine, Tex., March 22.—Alpine, the county seat of Brewster county, the headquarters of the resurrection plant business, one of the most promising towns in western Texas, from the progress it is now making, the end of the year will see it with a largely increased population and many new industries well established.

The marble quarries near the town are now attracting some of the attention they deserve, and there is every prospect that the end of the year will see adequate machinery on the ground for supplying the constantly growing demand for the beautiful black and mottled marbles of these quarries. The white marbles have not yet been successfully handled because of the lack of proper machinery, but all the other colors and varieties take polish and finish so easily that they are being used for both construction and ornamental finishing purposes.

**Valuable Stone.** In addition to the excellent marbles in the vicinity, Alpine has extensive deposits of a white stone greatly resembling the ornamental stone shipped into the west from Bedford, Ind., and fully equal to it in both quality and appearance. Parties are now preparing to open these deposits and make available these excellent building stones, and it will not be long until Alpine building and ornamental stone will be displacing all others in the big cities of the west. The favorite trimming stone in Alpine, however, is a sandstone found close to the town, which comes generally in very desirable brown color.

**New Water System.** Alpine is now putting in an extensive water system for both fire and domestic purposes. An excellent water for domestic purposes is obtained at shallow depths, and the water system well is down 200 feet with the water rising to within 15 feet of the surface, and this

will be used to supply the town. The water will be pumped into a reservoir on the hill above the town (already complete) and from there distributed through six inch mains. The system will be so arranged that there will be no "dead ends" and so that it can be flushed at will, this assuring both the supply and the quality.

**New Public School.** Another splendid public improvement to the public school building is now being erected at a cost of \$30,000. It will have 12 class rooms and an auditorium seating 600. This auditorium can later be cut up into four additional class rooms. A contract has been closed for \$2000 worth of furnishings for the building, and it will be completed in time for the summer term.

Private enterprise is preparing to construct a 17 room dormitory for the use of teachers and pupils in the immediate vicinity of the new public school building, which will assist in making Alpine one of the educational centers of western Texas.

**Mineral Laws Needed.** The failure of the Texas legislature to provide proper laws for the exploitation and development of the mineral resources of the state is retarding the development and growth of Brewster county. Tributary to Alpine there are a number of districts where mineral is known to exist in paying quantities, but the discouragements, expense and uncertainties of acquiring title under the present laws are so many that no extensive development will be possible until legislation is secured. The opening of the districts tributary to Alpine will add thousands to the population of the county, and millions to its wealth.

**The Mineral Region.** The opening of the mineral districts already known would make Alpine the center of a system of stages, mail and auto routes, supplying thousands of people and returning an immense amount of cash trade. The people of Brewster county want better mining laws, and want them right away.

**Pumping for Irrigation.** J. F. Miles, a merchant, is demonstrating the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the Alpine valley. He has installed a centrifugal pump, gasoline power, on a large well and is lifting water 25 feet into a large reservoir, from which it is taken to his land. He proposes to finally put 150 acres under cultivation and will install additional pumping facilities as needed. His present capacity is 130 gallons a minute. He has put in 500 fruit trees and will cultivate melons, beans and other crops. The value of his work lies in the development of an ample water supply at a depth of 20 feet, and by putting down additional wells will further demonstrate the possibilities of the section.

Mr. Miles is not the pioneer in this kind of development, however, as taking advantage of a bounteous underflow at a shallow depth, and numerous springs, and several orchards have been put in.

**Planting Fruit Trees.** J. D. Jackson has 500 apple trees and Mr. Edwards 1000, all doing well, while H. C. Atchison has 800 in bearing.

T. B. Templeton has in an apple orchard of 15 acres, which has been bearing for 15 years. He irrigates during the winter months and has not missed a crop in eight years.

There are a number of land owners with as many as 500 apple trees out and doing well. Apples do well and always give a crop while other fruits, such as peaches and plums sometimes fail.

**TULAROSA NEWS NOTES AND PERSONAL MENTION.** Tularosa, N. M., March 22.—Misses Eloise Carroll, Maggie Prude and Ruby Davenport, of Tularosa, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carroll, who composed a picnic party to Mesquero.

Misses Minnie and Midge Bourne spent the day here from Monterey. Mrs. Slumma, of El Paso, is visiting her son, Denton, at Mesquero.

A. O. Meek has arrived from the Captain Jordan with a herd of fat cattle.

Mr. Jordan has been here from Clifton, Ariz., visiting old friends. Miss Abby Meek has had her piano moved here from Carrizozo.

Miss Dollie White has returned after several months' visit in Carrizozo. Waldron Shibley made a short trip to Alamogordo.

Miss Mabel Hall spent the day in Monterey, the guest of Miss Minnie Bourne.

**CENSUS ENUMERATORS FOR GRANT COUNTY.** Silver City, N. M., March 22.—The first batch of census enumerators for New Mexico to be appointed includes six for Grant county as follows:

John F. Durant, of Silver City, precincts No. 1, Central and No. 3, Silver City, outside of city limits and outside of Gila forest, Grant county.

Olyver P. Williams, of Silver City, for precincts 6, Rodeo, and 18, Pratt, Grant county.

Charles H. Lyons of Silver City, for precincts 7, Upper Gila outside of Gila forest, 11, Mangas and 21, Pine Cienega, Grant county.

## VALLEY SALOONS: MUST OBEY LAW

**Ranger C. T. Smith, of the Ysleta Force, Warns Dealers.**

Ysleta, Tex., March 22.—C. T. Smith, of the ranger force, has warned all saloonkeepers here and on the road to El Paso that the saloons must be closed on Sunday according to law. The rangers will see that this law is not violated.

H. S. Stanton, chief engineer of the reclamation service and his assistants, are at work in the valley. They have headquarters at Valley Jan.

Dean Clark has been the guest of friends here.

Dr. Hugh White came down to investigate a case of diphtheria reported, but after a thorough investigation found no diphtheria.

Judge and Mrs. F. E. Hunter, of El Paso, entertained Mrs. Sarah Mowers, of Rushville, Ind., and Mrs. M. C. Overstreet, of Franklin, Ind., to dinner at Valley Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lander, Mrs. Piper, of Illinois, and Mrs. Wheat were guests of friends in the valley.

Capt. Seay, of the E. P. M. I., has bought a ranch near here.

Miss Mayne Manning is the guest of friends in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kennelott spent the week end with Mrs. Anna Wuerchmidt.

J. J. Smith has joined Otto Smith and Milton Graves at the hot springs near Sierra Blanca.

**VAN HORN STREETS ARE NOW BEING IMPROVED.** Brush about the town is also being cut down. The Van Horn Club gives a boxball party.

Van Horn, Texas, March 22.—Street work is being done at Van Horn. A number of men with teams and scrapers have been leveling up the streets and cutting down brush about the town.

Several of the men who attended the cattlemen's convention at Fort Worth, have returned.

The Van Horn Progressive league gave a boxball party at the drug store. Among the participants were Messrs. T. Floyd, C. Cummings, Judge Esby, Glen Durrett, Ernest Cox, Asher Shepp, Allen Hall, Misses Velma, Constance and Willie Garren, Miss Fluke and Pansy Durill, Mrs. Lou Prude, Mrs. J. Y. Cannon.

H. Gillis will begin tallying out the B cattle March 25.

C. M. High, formerly in the real estate business at Van Horn, stopped over here one day on his way from El Paso to Sweetwater.

Wallace Duncan has gone to Payote, Texas, where he has a position as telegraph operator.

The meat market has changed hands. Jim Chambers now has charge.

Mrs. W. T. Medley has returned from El Paso, where she has been under treatment for the past month.

J. Y. Cannon made a trip to Big Springs.

Mrs. R. L. Hall has returned from El Paso.

The family of Mr. Russo, druggist, has moved in the Baptist parsonage.

Mrs. Middleton has returned to Pecos. Miss Neva Yarbro, who has been sick with the measles, has recovered.

**ONE MINER INJURED AND ONE OVERCOME BY GAS.** Three Children Are Being Cared For By Biscoe Charity While Mother Is Sick.

Biscoe, Ariz., March 22.—A. D. Creamer, a miner, employed at the Gardner shaft, fell a considerable distance down a manway and was rendered unconscious. He was promptly taken to the hospital, where an examination showed that his bones were broken and that his bodily injuries are not very serious.

Peter Higo, who works as a miner at the Lowell shaft, was overcome by gas while on duty and rendered unconscious. He was revived at the hospital and will be able to resume work in a few days.

Their mother in the insane asylum and their father sick, three little children are in care of the charity committee of the board of trade. They have an aunt in Fort Worth, Tex., who is willing to have them, and is the intention of the committee to send them to Fort Worth as soon as a guardian will be found to take charge of them during the long trip.

## GLOBE MAN IS TERRIBLY BURNED BY BOILING PAINT: FLESH IN SHREDS

Globe, Ariz., March 22.—Louis Berndt, one of the proprietors of the Globe bakery, was terribly and perhaps fatally burned at his home late Monday afternoon by boiling paint. He was boiling a large can of paint preparatory to painting his house, when the paint in some manner caught fire. Mr. Berndt, fearing that the boiling oil of the paint would explode, grabbed the can and started carrying it out in the yard. In his haste to get out of the door, he tripped on the door sill and fell, the boiling paint almost completely enveloping him.

Medical attention was summoned at once and after the first aid was administered the burned man was taken in an automobile to the county hospital. Examination at the hospital showed that his wounds were more serious than first thought.

His face was terribly burned and the flesh on both of his hands and arms was literally cooked, falling off in shreds. Both of his feet were severely burned.

The doctors in attendance could not tell definitely the result of the burns, but they hope for recovery if no complications set in.

## WELLS PUT DOWN AT VAUGHN, N. M.

**Odd Fellows to Organize a Lodge—New Settlers Take Up Claims.**

Vaughn, N. M., March 22.—The well being put down by the business men of the town is progressing slowly. A depth of 60 feet has been reached. Several private wells are also being bored. Water is the thing most needed now to give the town a boost.

A number of I. O. O. F. held a meeting here and agreed to organize a lodge soon.

Justice of the peace J. F. Cain died at the home of his sister at Clarendon, Tex., to which place he had been removed from Vaughn during his illness. He had resided here two years and had charge of the transfer line.

Charles C. Baw, of Clovis, is here and will open a restaurant as soon as arrangements can be made.

Joseph A. Dykes, United States commissioner of Duran, N. M., was a visitor to Vaughn.

E. Romero, of Las Vegas, was here on business.

T. G. Shelf, dispatcher for the Santa Fe, wife and children, have arrived from Tucuman, and will make their home in Vaughn.

C. C. Armstrong has gone to Emporia, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garlington accompanied by Miss Gertrude Brewer, made an auto trip to Santa Rosa, N. M.

Mrs. W. S. Maupin, of Oklahoma, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. H. R. Smith, in the valley. Mrs. Maupin has been spending the winter in California.

Case has taken a layoff to spend some time on his claim near the Capitan mountains.

Roy C. Hill has arrived from Bonham, Tex., looking for a location. Mrs. Hill is fully recovered.

The friends of W. R. McMullen are making effort to have him appointed justice of the peace to fill the place made vacant by death of J. F. Cain.

F. P. Okron, of Perry, Okla., is here looking over the field for investment.

W. A. Anderson will leave in a few days for Pettit, N. M., where he will meet his wife and son from Dallas, Tex. They intend taking up a claim near town.

Territorial bank examiner John Johns, of Santa Fe, was in town.

Robert Schoemate spent several days in Albuquerque.

Mrs. P. S. Harrington is visiting relatives in Topeka, Kans.

**MEN HURT BY HORSE AT MONTEREY: BRIEF NEWS.** Monterey, N. M., March 22.—William Lumley, in mounting his horse, was kicked but not seriously hurt. Lawner Lumley also received a kick in the stomach as he passed behind a burro. He suffered considerably but is able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Bent are down from Bent, New Mexico.

W. H. Bourne has returned to the I-X ranch after a pleasant visit with parents and friends here.

D. B. Jordan has returned to El Paso after a few days' visit with old friends here.

C. C. Bourne has returned from a business trip to Alamogordo.

L. E. Lumley and Charles Dumas have gone to Alamogordo on business. Fred Stanton, of Cincinnati, O., is here visiting with his cousins, Mr. Howard and wife.

## NEW OFFICERS FOR INSTITUTE

**Ranchers in Del Rio District to Talk Corn Culture and Onions.**

Del Rio, Tex., March 22.—An enthusiastic meeting of the Val Verde County Farmers' Institute was held at the commercial rooms and the spirit of cooperation and exchanging of ideas that was manifested was gratifying to those who have labored for the development and strengthening of agriculture and its allied lines in this section.

The institute was entirely reorganized and new officers elected. The new officers are: President, Charles Conway; vice president, Gus Connolly; secretary, A. S. Smith; treasurer, J. J. Frank. The old officers were unable to give the institute the attention and management that it deserved and asked to be excused. The new officers are very active in agricultural affairs and an administration that promises much good is expected.

"Corn Culture" and "Onions" were the subjects selected to discuss at the next meeting, April 2.

## AMUSEMENTS.

### AT THE CRAWFORD.

The new vaudeville bill at the Crawford this week is a regular Orpheum offering—almost. It is the best the Crawford has yet given since inaugurating vaudeville. The first number on the program is alone worth the admission price. Scherer and Newkirk in their musical act have an offering that is equal to the best. The male member of the team plays a violin with everything from a hairline bow to a toothbrush, old shoe, washboard and feather duster, and Mrs. or Miss Scherer or Newkirk, whichever she is, gave an imitation of a violin with her voice, that was more than clever. She can sing splendidly and as a finale, they have their pet dog do a waltz on his hind feet that sets the children into convulsions of delight.

Then come the LeRoy sisters in a new act and the third number on the bill is a regular "button buster." Sherman and Lukin give an exhibition of tumbling called "tumbles, bumps and bangs" that brings the laughs every second they are on the stage. It is a first-class act of the tumbling variety.

Leonard Lohr sings a new illustrated song and Keith and Cummings in a new musical, talking and singing act close the bill with the exception of the moving pictures. The offering ought to draw big audiences tonight and tomorrow.

**AT THE MAJESTIC.** Fritz Fields' new offering at the Majestic is called "Stung." That is just what the audience is not. It is the usual Fields bunch of nonsense, interspersed with solo numbers by the different members of the company and with the Majestic chorus in evidence as often as the girls can change their costumes. Tom Burns, Winnie Baldwin, Mildred Manning, Nat Wentworth and Evelyn Constance have solo numbers. The bill runs two more nights.

**EL PASO PICTURE AT WIGWAM.** One of the most interesting films of the season will be shown at the Wigwam theater tonight. It is a comedy called "Oh, So Sick," and the scene of action is here in El Paso. It was taken by the Essanay company in December. The rest of the bill is entertaining.

**"THE PRINCE OF TONIGHT."** The sale of seats for the big musical comedy season of the season, "The Prince of Tonight," will, on account of the great demand for seats, open Monday, March 28, for both, matinee and night.

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**LOVETT AND S. P. OFFICIALS ARE TOURING STATE.** Dallas, Tex., March 22.—President R. former Texan, arrived here Monday with other Harriman system officials. The party left at noon for Houston.

They were met by mayor Hay and a car picked up and taken over the city in automobiles.

**BROTHERHOOD MEETS TONIGHT.** The uniform rank of the Fraternal Brotherhood Company 2, will meet tonight. The Mexican Fraternal Brotherhood lodge met last night. Short addresses were made by the various members and refreshments were served.

R. M. Dudley, of Chihuahua, who has the grading contract on the Mexican Northwestern line extension, was here Monday and will go to the front today to inspect the progress of the work.

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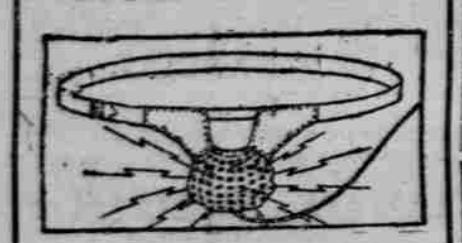
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